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## Cases

If you are being taken to County Court, or taking someone to County Court, then contact one of our [solicitors](#) today.

There are 216 County Courts, or 'Small Claims Courts' covering England and Wales, dealing with civil matters such as; financial or housing disputes, family issues, personal injury and breach of contract.

The appropriate forms to issue a claim can be found through your local County Court, online or through a [solicitor](#), along with guidance and support.

The majority of County Court cases are regarding business and personal finances, and it is not uncommon for proceedings to take place through alternative applications such as telephone conferences, and online platforms when suitable arrangements have been made through the court.

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The court charges a fee upon issuing a claim, with the amount depending on the size of the claim itself. The defendant will receive a copy of the claim, presenting them with the opportunity to dispute the allegation. In the event of a resolution not being resolved internally, parties will be required to address the court and formally present their case before a judge within a private trial.

Post hearing an order will be sent out, also known as a judgment, which details the final decision from the judge, which is in most cases also recorded on the Register of County Court Judgments. The registered information is set out for banks, building societies and credit companies to attain individual credit ratings.

In the event of a failed payment of a defendants charge, the court is entitled to attempt to obtain payment of the behalf of the opposing party through an enforced judgment.

## County Court Cases

All of these facts and legal advice regarding County Courts cases, [solicitors](#), forms and procedure can seem a little removed from reality if not placed in some sort of context.

County Courts cases are but one node in a vast and interlocking network consisting of [solicitors](#), judges, bailiffs, civil servants, members of the public and many others. Everyday thousands of people seek legal advice, make claims, win compensation, make money claims online and settle out of court.

To place a little perspective in the legal advice and information provided on County Courts on this page, the following are a number of facts about County Courts cases.

- A grand total of 1.617 million cases passed through the County Courts in 2010
- Of the above figure 1.041 million were claims involving money, the majority had a financial value of over £500
- 210,000 were possession claims, of which a 75,000 were directly related to mortgages
- 135,000 were claims brought by landlords or tenants against the other
- In 2010 there were 66,000 petitions for insolvency

This County Court case statistics give an idea of the large numbers of people who need legal advice, [solicitors](#) and a legal resolution to disputes annually.



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